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1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to enact legislation to facilitate the
2 development and approval of new drugs, biological products and medical
3 devices.

4 Whereas, improving patient access to quality health care is a paramount
5 national goal; and

6 Whereas, the key to improved health care, especially for persons with serious
7 unmet medical needs, is the rapid approval of safe and effective new drugs, biological
8 products and medical devices; and

9 Whereas, minimizing the delay between discovery and eventual approval of a
10 new drug, biological product or medical device derived from research conducted by
11 innovative pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies would improve the lives of
12 millions of Americans; and

13 Whereas, current limitations on the dissemination of information about
14 pharmaceutical products reduce the availability of information to physicians, other
15 health care professionals and patients and unfairly limit the right of free speech
16 guaranteed by the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and

